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SUBJECT: UNSC ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE LETTER TO
ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER SENT BY CHAIRMAN OF SECURITY COUNCIL'S SOUTH AFRICA ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE (KUWAIT/BISHARA) TO MR. ABDUL S. MINTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT IN LONDON. IN HIS LETTER BISHARA NOTES THAT HIS COMMITTEE "EXPECTS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS OF THE MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA PRIMARILY FROM GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES", BUT GOES ON TO ASK IF MINTY'S GROUP COULD PROVIDE ANY SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD. BISHARA HAS SENT IDENTICAL LETTERS TO, INTER ALIA, THE STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES.

2. REFTTEL TRANSMITTED SYG'S NOTE DATED APRIL 3 WHICH DRAWS OUR ATTENTION TO PARA 2 OF SC RES 421 IN WHICH ALL STATES ARE ASKED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE BY BRINGING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SYG RELEVANT
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INFORMATION REGARDING SALE OF ARMS AND RELATED MATERIAL TO SOUTH AFRICA. A SECOND NOTE, DATED 18 MAY, 1978, REPEATED THE SYG'S REQUEST FOR "INFORMATION ON VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF RES 418..." CHAIRMAN BISHARA HAS APPROACHED MISSOFFS SEVERAL TIMES SINCE LAST SPRING ASKING FOR USG COOPERATION IN THE SUPPLY OF SUCH INFORMATION. MISSION NOTES THAT IF WE AND OTHER WESTERN

NATIONS REMAIN SILENT IN THIS REGARD, BISHARA'S
INCENTIVE ONLY GROWS TO RELY MORE ON PEOPLE LIKE MINTY --
WHO HAVE FEW QUALMS ABOUT MAKING ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE
OFTEN IRRESPONSIBLE. YOUNG

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